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MINUTES LAFAYETTE COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE USDA AG CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting of the Land Conservation Committee was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chairman Leon Wolfe. Others present: Bartels, Hammer, James, J. Wiegel, Wang, Gerlich, Brandt, Loeffelholz, Ritchie, and Larson.

Larson stated that the agenda and amended agenda were posted in the USDA Service Center, by the County Clerk's Office, the Darlington Municipal Building, on the Lafayette County Webpage; and was sent to the press, the State Agencies, and NRCS. It was also sent to the Register of Deeds, County Treasurer, and the Finance Director. Motion by J. Wiegel and second by James to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes - Motion was made by Bartels and second by James to approve the minutes of the 2/4/14 LCC meeting. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Field Staff and Department Head Reports:

Lange - Teaching a Snap+ class at Town Bank, Tech Report is in the meeting packet.

Brandt – Have the McDermott Permit. The application was lost at DNR.

-He has moved back into his old office.

-Sonsalla's permit application is at the DNR. They do have a cricket frog hit, and will probably hire Hubner for a calling survey. It must be done on 5 non-consecutive nights.

-Loeffelholz got a call a week ago Friday from Mike Gilbertson of the DNR. He had a complaint of an Illinois hog farm spreading manure in WI. The caller felt it was Monticello Pork (owned by Chris Davis), but the land description was on Thunder Branch Acres. Loeffelholz spoke with Davis, who said no spreading had been done since last October. Brandt went down to the site, and saw a Bytec truck spreading on Thunder Branch land. Loeffelholz met with Al Gertsch, who said if it was a problem he would no longer allow Bytech to spread. Bytech is regulated by a different area of DNR, and spread municipal waste – no animal waste. The caller appears to be anti-ag, and had previously called EPA in Illinois every Monday with complaints.

-Hammer asked if there had been any discussion on County J. There was nothing in the ditch on Saturday, but there were bales there. Brandt commented that it is a 30-day structure and they had doubled herd size since it was installed in the early 80's.

-James asked if Carol McDaniel would be doing a bluebird presentation at Earth Day. Gerlich said they already had presenters confirmed prior to the call.

- We will be having the Fish Tank at the fair again this year.
- Kliebenstein asked to review information regarding Kendall Township. He is preparing a letter to the editor to be published prior to the election
- Trees – We have 5,350 ordered. Highbush Cranberry and Black Walnut are not available. The nursery was short because of the severity of the last 2 years. They should be fully stocked in 2016. Brandt had a call last week for red oaks to fulfill a CRP contract in Iowa County.

Loeffelholz – contacted Mark Mayer, Green County UWEX, and Columbia & Sauk County UWEX. Green County has their own landfill and baler. The baled product is sold to a buyer in Arkansas for $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cent per pound, or about \$15 per ton. Columbia County's ends up in a shipping container to Taiwan. Last year Green County received about 66,000 lbs., with about 10,000 lbs. of that being from one farmer. They are having a collection April 6-17, 2015, weekdays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Green County landfill in Brodhead. They will accept bunker covers, silage bags, & wet wrap; but not net wrap or plastic twine. They want clean product, and can reject a load (which would then go to the landfill). Loeffelholz had spoken to Faherty about having one. Faherty said they need to have it clean, and education is the key to making it successful. Loeffelholz suggested getting polybags out 6 months ahead of the collection. In Green County, the Juda FFA sells the polybags as a fundraiser. He also suggested sharing this with UWEX, and doing education for 2016. The 1st week in May a woman from DNR is doing a presentation on electronics & plastics recycling. James asked if there are County dollars available. J. Wiegel said each farmer would need some type of container, and we would need the funding to make it free to the farmer. We need to look into the cost of the bags, where we can get them, and attend the May meeting with DNR.

USDA Reports:

Gerlich reported on the following:

- They have been working on questionnaires.
- EQIP Specialty funds were today.
- Earth Day – We will not be able to have Friday because Darlington has early release on Fridays. Cuba City has Wednesdays, but next year will be doing 1 Friday per month. This year, Earth Day will be held on Thursday, April 23 at Woodford Park, and will be held for the County's 5th graders.
- Gerlich & Bartz will be having training, both on-line and classroom.
- NRCS has received a partial compliance list, and are prepping for those.

Other Agency Reports: None

Cost Share Approvals:

(See Copy of list.) Cost share requests are estimates. With cost share approval, the \$500 DNR permit fee is waived for Reilly, Sonsalla, McDermott, and Gierhart.

Motion to approve the listed cost share contracts by James, second by Bartels. Hammer asked how much is paid for a crossing. Brandt stated that it is cost shared at a rate of 70%, but if some projects are lower or cancelled, it may be as high as 90%. Motion carried.

Land Information Report: (See Handout.) They will be doing a flight this spring. It is usually the first week in May. It is dependent on having the snow cover gone, but before the leaf-on. The south side of Yellowstone Lake is usually the last to thaw. Ayers will fly the whole state. If there is low cloud cover they will need to re-do it. There is a grant to do the flight this year. We are not behind other Counties. The State will be mandating GPS'd section corners, and Ritchie has been doing them here. All lines and corners must be adjusted to line up.

Thursday there is a meeting with the Iowa County GIS person and Maggie from Southwest WI Regional Planning Commission (SWWRPC). Bartels commented that Ritchie has done a good job, and stated that he had made the second to the motion at Human Resources in regard to the new position at Finance. He stated he should have had more information, and spoke to the chairman later.

The consulting firm needs \$7,500 for CAD to go to ESRI. Ritchie will now need approval for this. There is a time lapse between the offices, and this isn't working.

Voluntary Notice of Non-compliance: Larson presented 2 Voluntary Notices of Non-compliance for Bockhop and Kraus. Motion by J. Wiegel and second by Bartels to accept the Voluntary Notices of Non-compliance. Motion carried.

Fair Grounds Restroom: Loeffelholz stated that what is being proposed is an engineering solution for a plumbing problem. They are also dealing with the City Ordinance. Zoning regulations state that improvements in the floodway are capped at 50% of the evaluation. The evaluation is at \$0. If the goal is to keep the building and improvements they should get a surveyor to set the line, elevation surveys, and a letter of map amendment. The Floral Hall would also need continuous, dry-land access. They could also do flood-proofing to take away the 50% cap. The change came from the update of the City Floodplain Ordinance, which raised the flood plain elevation. Brandt stated that the bathroom solution was reviewed by Tanya from DNR, but she doesn't approve them. They need to have a discussion with the City on the Ordinance. James asked how old the building is – estimated to have been built about 1940. J. Wiegel stated they felt the bathroom solution would be for about 10 years. Bill Moody is chair of the Fair Committee. They should meet with the City, and can still hire a surveyor or engineer. Possible new fair grounds site.

Open Truck Bids: Bid forms were mailed to dealerships in the County. We received back three bids. Two from Virtue's and one from Ubersox Pre-Driven. Our limit was \$20,000 and one of Virtue's was at 21,000+. Other bids were for the following:

2008	F250 ¾ ton	84,900 miles	\$13,995
2009	Chevy Silverado	80,741 miles	\$13,500
	½ ton		

Committee opted to remain in Open Session for discussion of the purchase.

Check to see if they have a receiver hitch. Brandt would like to keep the tool box. James recommended choosing between the F250 and the Silverado. Discussion was held on the old truck. Hammer said if you trade it in, the liability is gone. Bartels mentioned advertising it. Most recommended the trade-in if it was possible.

Loeffelholz, Brandt, Wolfe and Bartels will look at both trucks and make the choice following this meeting. If there is no trade-in, they may take it to the Black Hawk FFA auction. It is recommended to check blue book prices on both vehicles, and the trade-in. Motion by J. Wiegel

and second by Hammer for Loeffelholz, Brandt, Wolfe, and Bartels to make a final decision on the new truck, and the disposal of the old truck. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Approval of Vouchers: Motion by J. Wiegel and second by Hammer to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

Future Agenda Items: 1) Outdoor Recreation Plan presentation & Resolution
2) Plastics Update in May

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

Motion by J. Wiegel and second by Hammer to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m.
Motion carried.

Recorded By

Nikki Larson
For Ed James
LCC Secretary

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
